



**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Koichi HIRANO**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A petition for a one-month extension of the time period for response is submitted with this paper.